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MASS. GAY NURSES ORGANIZE

by John Lawrence

Members of the Gay Nurses' Alliance met on Aug. 7 for their first formal organizational meeting. The main order of business was to elect a successor to John Lawrence, who has been the group's acting chairperson since its formation last September. Carla Burton, RN, and Laura Rood, RN, were elected co-chairpersons of the group, and Joe Cwikla, a student nurse, was elected treasurer.

Also discussed were the possibilities of working with the Massachusetts Nurses' Association through its Human Rights Committee, speaking engagements to nursing schools, and tactics for increasing membership and participation.

The group's purposes include serving as an advocate for gay patients and for gay professional nurses, as well as other radical personnel, who may encounter particular problems in a hospital setting. A second purpose is to educate nurses about the gay community and its special needs by working through the MNA and through nursing schools.

A \$3.00 per year membership fee was voted mostly to cover the cost of mailings. Members are further encouraged to become active within the American Nurses' Association and its state and local affiliates in order to work for change within the profession.

RNs, LPNs, nursing aides, attendants and student nurses are all welcome to join the gay nurses' alliance. Interested straight nurses may join as well. The group is planning to hold regular meetings bi-monthly or quarterly. Members are working with several projects now to improve health care and attitudes toward the gay commu-

nity. Currently, several members are helping to staff the gay health night at the Fenway Clinic. Other projects are planned, but a more people needed to participate. There are currently about 30 members, but a number of those are from other New England states and thus unable to be actively involved in regular projects that are happening mostly in Boston.

If you are interested in joining the group, you may contact Carla Burton, RN, at 232-6323 or write to her at 40 Carlton St., Apt. 10, Brookline, Mass. 02146. She will give you information and keep you informed about meetings and other events.

Gay Nurses' Alliance now has organized caucuses in 10 states with a national headquarters at P.O. Box 5687, Philadelphia, Pa. 19129. In June, 1974, the GNA made a panel presentation during prime time at the American Nurses' Association Convention in San Francisco. About 600 people attended the discussion which was led by members from the Pennsylvania and California caucuses. In addition, several thousand persons saw a walk-through exhibit outlining the needs for health care in the gay community, and the problems sometimes encountered in getting it. Amendments to the ANA by-laws were introduced by GNA that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual preference, but the voting results of the House of Delegates has not yet been made public.

Announcement as to the time and place of the next GNA meeting, which will happen sometime in the fall, will appear in GCN. If you want to get involved sooner, give Carla a call.

ABC-TV Protest

by Loretta Lotman

A major battle between the national gay community and the ABC Television Network has developed over a proposed program for the "Marcus Welby" series.

Ron Gold of the National Gay Task Force told GCN reporters that a script rejected by NGTF as unacceptable to the gay community was currently in production for the series. Several ABC network executives have been appraised of the objections of NGTF and other gay leaders, but so far have not paid attention to the growing protest.

The script submitted to Gold dealt with the rape of a 14-year-old boy by his male school teacher and the boy's ensuing search for his manhood. Gold rejected the script, saying that it could not be done for at least 5 years and there was no way the script could be changed to make it acceptable. Two weeks after his rejection, he discovered that ABC had made "some changes" in the script that were not checked with any members of the gay community and that the program was in production on the West Coast.

Gold said the national presentation of such a script could set back the movement for gay civil rights several years. He cited the irrational actions that greeted Intro 2 in New York City as examples of emotionalism that the gay issue raises in people. He said a negative script such as the one ABC plans to show could destroy the progress we have made in changing the false, stereotypical images of homosexuals as perverts and child molesters.

With the help of Loretta Lotman and Gay Media Action in Boston and other gay organizations across the country, ABC was flooded with protests on Friday, August 9. This protest brought the issue to the attention of virtually every executive

at ABC, but also cancelled a planned meeting between Gold, Howard Brown and ABC Director of Broadcast Standards & Practices Alfred Schneider.

Gay Media Action talked with Richard Gitter, East Coast Director, Department of Broadcast Standards and Practices, about the controversial script. Gitter insists that the script was about child molestation, not homosexuality. However, when GMA suggested the sex of one protagonist be changed to make the encounter heterosexual, he said "That will change the meaning of the entire script." Gitter said that submitting a script to anyone outside of ABC before production for suggestions was a breach of company policy and he regretted ever having let NGTF people read the script. His major concern was with the problems the gay protest was creating within the network. He was not, however, concerned with the probable negative repercussions such a program would have on a national gay movement.

When Gitter was questioned as to his superiors' names and titles, so GMA could contact them, he was uncooperative and hung up on the caller, saying he was too busy returning calls about the script to debate its merits.

There is a call by the National Gay Task Force and Gay Media Action for as many letters and phone calls to the ABC Network as possible. This situation is seen as an open power struggle between ABC and the gay community, with ABC unwilling to listen to our warnings or complaints about the script. Loretta Lotman of Gay Media Action said the script plays on the worst fears of the heterosexual public about homosexuals and perpetuates the

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Gov.'s Commission on Women

The Governor's Commission on the Status of Women is a panel of 40 women, appointed for one year terms, to serve as advisors to the Governor on matters of concern to the Bay State's women. The actual commissioners are honorary appointees; the office is run by two paid staff members. Women around the state are largely unaware that the Commission exists. The bulk of press clippings about the Commission deals with Elaine Noble and her position as token lesbian in the group.

On Thursday, August 1, a swearing-in ceremony was held in Doric Hall at the State House for the new women Commissioners. Expecting a gathering of such powerful, together women to be invigorating, I arrived at the State House to watch

the goings-on. What I saw was far from my counter-culture hopes and at times, totally infuriating.

The women, for the most part, looked like the ladies auxiliary of a major corporation. The majority of them had made it within "the system" and were obviously not into rocking "the system's" boat. Hair was done, make-up applied. Sarah Coventry finery pasted in place. Dressing for the Governor meant dresses and cute little heels. Only two women wore pants—Elaine (looking no different than she usually does) and someone in a florid, flowing pantsuit.

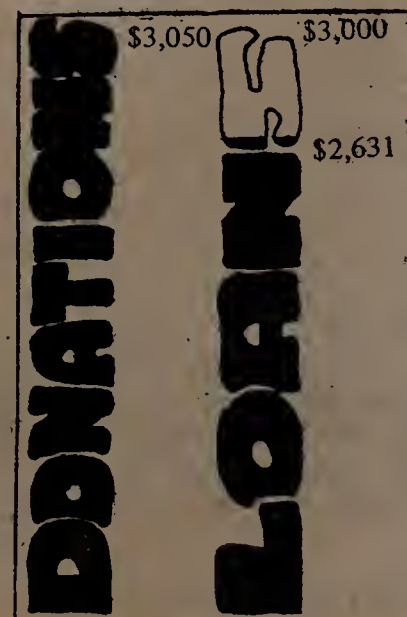
The caterers offered the worst insult—pink frosting on the cake. However, in deference to the advances of women, the icing

varied from inoffensive little-girl pink to a gutsy rose. Red roses and baby's breath festooned the cake, the punch (also pink) and the table.

Gov. Sargent looked tired, but every bit a politician. He began with a condescending crack about "Chairperson." Somehow, he hasn't learned yet how to talk to "the ladies" and not think of them as "the ladies." He boasted of the repeal of several (ridiculous) laws, like the requirement of married women to notify the state if they start a business. He was proud that one woman serves in his cabinet (I got the image of her cleaning every other Tuesday). He then announced his veto of the abortion legislation, which was greeted with a

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"MAKE IT HAPPEN"



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stereotype of the gay as a child molester. She also said ABC was relying on the sensationalism of the Houston murders to create controversy and viewer interest in the show. Gitter claimed that stopping the script would constitute unfair censorship of a creative person's (the scriptwriter's) ideas. Lotman maintains that the script is slanderous and libelous towards the gay community at large and that ABC is showing a shocking lack of concern towards the wave of protest the script has stirred up among gay women and men.

Gold and NGTF are currently talking with the board of the National Association of Broadcasters about stopping the script. After a presentation to the NAB last May to include homosexuals in the list of people protected by the NAB Code, Gold and Lotman were told that homosexuals are already protected by the Code from discriminatory depiction. This will be the first test of the NAB's claim that they already protect gays and do not need to include "sexual preference" in their list of protected minority groups.

Locally, GMA has contacted Robert Bennett, general manager of WCVG-TV, the Boston ABC affiliate. Bennett said WCVB has little input to national programs, but that every network show of "controversial" nature is reviewed by his station before being allowed on the air and that WCVB reserves the right to reject network shows it does not want aired.

Gay Media Action will coordinate action against WCVB and other ABC affiliates around the country should the "Welby" script be aired.

Letters and calls are needed to ABC Network to convince them not

to proceed with the potentially damaging "Marcus Welby" script. Individuals wishing to add their voices to the growing protest should contact:

Anthony D. Thomopoulos, Vice President in charge of Network Programming; Michael Eisner, Vice President; James Duffy, Network President, or Richard L. Beesemeyer, Affiliate Relations

at ABC Television Network, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, N.Y. 10019 (212) LT 1-7777.

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round of applause and the quiet boos of a woman to my right who was far past the childbearing age.

There was a level of sweetness to the Commissioners, perhaps in deference to the one day of the year when their Commission was of some importance to the outside world. A level of cynicism appeared among the women in the crowd, most notably the few blacks in attendance. There was anger in them and a quiet, polite disdain for the cutesy spectacle in Doric Hall. Not everyone was snookered in by the Governor's charm.

The day was not a loss. I did get to see one Commissioner deposit her infant son with her husband, who dutifully cared for the son while Mama was sworn in. Several members of the Commission turned out to be fine, strong women with genuine concerns and a flair for action. And while the promise of pink punch dissolved in the realization of Kool-Aid, I had the satisfaction of learning that deep rose frosting does indeed taste exceptionally bitter.

Noble People



What makes fund-raisers work? People. From many sides, Elaine Noble's campaign activities have had people support. Those who attend Noble events and with that attendance, contribute, make fund-raisers work. Those who work hard to see that floors are cleaned, posters are made, envelopes are mailed, phones are answered, supplies are purchased, events are coordinated, make fund-raisers work. And those who give of their 'public' talents, make fund-raisers work.

There have been many performers ('public' entertainers) who have given freely to Elaine's campaign. On Sunday, Aug. 4, local Provincetown personalities were featured at a Noble benefit at the Gifford House in P'town. Among them, Arthur Blake, Joan Perriera, Sal Luco, Roger Kent, Candy Wise, Sally O'Brien, Bill & Jason, Rick Cote, Steve Stephenson, Larry Lawrence, Wayland Flowers, and many others, entertained a packed house. A common theme, projected from the various performers on the crowd was that individually and collectively, the artists supported Elaine and were giving her what they did well to help her.

Last Saturday night, Aug. 10, Lilith (Beth-lead guitar, Belinda-rhythm guitar, Liz-sax and clarinet, Peg-piano, Tat-bass, Mickey-drums, and Claire-singing) performed at a women's party held at Toad Hall (home of Sheri and Lois). This Noble benefit was enjoyed from within and without. Filtering from a nearby park, many local residents sat on cars and listened to the seven-piece women's group—applauding their approval.

Claire, of the group, told this reporter that Lilith tried to support women's organizations and women in the political sphere. Specifically concerning Elaine and her campaign: "Elaine's platform deals with our daily lives." Claire added that she (the group) had heard of Elaine Noble through a friend (Joe Martin—able media person from Noble Headquarters). In the spring, at a 1270 benefit for Elaine, Claire met Ms. Noble and had a chance to speak with her. At that time Lilith volunteered to contribute in their special way, through their music.



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Al-Anon Meets Gays

by Barbara Albenesius

MCC/Boston has sponsored another open discussion for all those concerned with alcoholism. On Tuesday, Aug. 6, three members of Al-Anon explained how that program has helped them deal with the problems that result when your life is affected by alcoholism.

One of the major aspects they discussed that needs to be accepted and dealt with is the fact that the person closest to the alcoholic (relative, lover or friend) may need more assistance and counselling than the alcoholic himself. Several people who have been living with "active" alcoholics described it as a very lonely existence, marked by constant inability to communicate with the alcoholic, accepting responsibility for their drinking, and covering up and making excuses for them. They said

that the anger and the anxiety which will arise as a result of this approach toward an alcoholic will continue to increase until an effective means of recovery is sought.

Some of the important aspects of self-awareness they mentioned that comes from Al-Anon meetings are the realization that you are not responsible for the alcoholic's drinking, emotional detachment is possible (and necessary), to let them face the consequences of their drinking, and, perhaps the most important fact of all, that alcoholism is a progressive illness that gets increasingly worse.

A discussion arose as to the acceptance of gays within these groups, and it was found that there are varying responses in each local Al-Anon. If there is a need within the gay community for such a group, the possibility could be discussed at one of the "open forums" held every other Tuesday at Old West Church.

If you are interested in more information on Al-Anon regarding the time and place of local group meetings, contact the Al-Anon Family Groups in Braintree at 843-4560.

B'nai Haskalah All-Day Conference

by Jan Parlin

On August 10, starting at 11 a.m., B'nai Haskalah, the gay Jewish group, held an all-day convention at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston (the home of MCC/Boston), in the fellowship hall. While fewer people than anticipated showed up, a good time was had by all. Food, ranging from traditional potato pancakes to "Italian" salads were contributed by the people who came. There was folk dancing, music, and beautiful slides of Israel were shown by Mike Rubenstein, who has been there twice. Because a great percentage of the people in attendance were new to Haskalah, a decision was reached to postpone the scheduled business meetings

until those people have an opportunity to learn more about the members and methods of operation of the congregation so nominations and elections will be able to take place. The new proposed bylaws were discussed, although no vote was taken on them. Plans are underway for a fund-raising event, possibly a movie night or clambake, to raise money for Siddurim, the prayerbooks used in all services. In addition, notice is made of the fact that the High Holy Days are not far away, and all gay Jews in the greater Boston area are invited to attend Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services with B'nai Haskalah.

MAINE GAY TASK FORCE IN ACTION

Twenty-nine members of the Maine Gay Task Force met in Brunswick on July 27 to discuss projects and activities. According to Steve Bull, a spokesperson for the group, this was the first meeting since MGTF's formation to result in concrete ideas for action; previous meetings were used in organizing. The Education Committee of MGTF will be working on establishing Gay libraries around the state, the first one to be at Bangor's new Gay Community Center on Franklin St. The committee will also be working with straight libraries to ensure public libraries carry Gay literature. This led to a discussion of promoting Gay culture in Maine—through a Gay acting troupe, murals, poetry readings, etc. Plans are underway to accomplish these.

An important feature of the meeting was the birth of a MGTF newsletter, which is to be published monthly beginning in September. Those interested will meet at the Unitarian Church in Brunswick Aug. 10 to iron out details.

The Maine Gay Task Force is a loosely structured federation of Maine Gay groups and is a result of a meeting during the Maine Symposium at Orono in April. The group's first endeavor was the successful bid for the adoption of a Gay rights plank in the State Democratic Platform at that party's convention last May in Bangor. This fall, MGTF will engineer a statewide, unified effort to present a Gay bill before Portland's City Council.

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Gay United Fund

by Laura McMurry

"Money makes the world go 'round," sing Joel Grey and Liza Minelli in *Cabaret*. "Money, money, money, money, get a little, get a little . . ."

This could be the theme song for the planners of the new Gay United Fund, which was described in detail for the first time at the Boston gay activists' brunch Aug. 3. "A full time fund-raising effort to assist in the support of projects as proposed by individuals or groups," the Fund would appeal to potential money sources not exploited now. By concentrating completely on raising money, it should become more skillful at "getting a little" than the average gay group.

Several models for the Fund were used. The regular United Fund (now called the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, in these parts) partially supports some 200 agencies, from the Red Cross to the National Council on Aging. It covers eastern Massachusetts and has an annual budget of \$14,000,000. The United Black Appeal is a smaller operation which began in 1971 to fill the void left by the United Way which does not fund many black projects. ("About 1% of United Way money goes to the black community," says Ms. Barbara D. Rucker, director of the United Black Appeal.)

What specifically would a Gay United Fund do for us? These are the points made at the brunch by the half dozen planners.

1) It would seek funds from foundations, businesses, and government, places where groups have had too little expertise, too little gall, and too little reputation to make much headway. It could also sponsor an occasional major benefit beyond the planning means of most groups.

2) It would free gay groups of some of their fund-raising so they can devote more energy to their main goals, while in turn the Gay United Fund becomes specialized in and adept at its main goal, raising money.

3) It would attract donations from individuals, both gay and straight, who are presently confused by the number of gay groups but who want to make a contribution to the movement.

4) It could provide seed money for new projects. "The gay hotline, for example, never got off the ground because it had no money," said GUF planner Greg Hanifan. "The people were there; the money for phones and an office wasn't." Some examples of other old but unfilled needs are a legal aid project, a community center, new groups in outlying areas, help for legislative reform.

"The important thing is that GUF would not be competing with groups for existing money," said Greg. "It would

open up new sources. Our closest model, the United Black Appeal, gets 70% of its income from foundations, government, and business, 20% from benefits and special large individual contributions, and 10% from small individual donors." By contrast, the majority of Boston area gay groups get their funds from individuals and a few benefits. The Homophile Community Health Service has also received around \$10,000 from four grants from various arms of the Methodist Church.

Incidentally, as far as I know, no gay group in this area has applied to the regular United Way for money. "The prospects of getting anything are pretty dim," said Don McGaw, director of H.C.H.S. It would seem politic, at this point, however, to make the attempt.

How would the Gay United Fund work? Any group or person could submit a proposal to the GUF. When it had decided which projects it would fund and how much, the GUF would announce this in advance of the fund-raising drive, so contributors would know exactly what they were supporting. Obviously, most requests would have to be made a year ahead of when the funds would be used, although probably some money would be saved aside from year to year by the Fund for late notice needs. Projects would rarely be funded completely; the Fund would feel that some financial support should be generated by planners of a project independently to show the general viability of the project or group.

The planners, who have been working on GUF since its inception during Gay Pride Week in June (although the idea of GUF probably goes back several years), also explained how it would be structured. There would be three boards. One, the community board, would make the decisions about where the money went. It would be chosen initially by the present GUF planning committee using an applicants-with-resumes-and-interviews procedure. This board would have between 10 and 15 members (I hope they don't have trouble finding that many). There would be two advisory boards or councils: one of representatives from gay organizations and one of "illustrious people." The point of the latter is to promote credence in GUF as a reputable organization—necessary for one asking for thousands of dollars. These two councils would also be selected by the present GUF group. How the three groups would renew themselves is still being worked out.

The guts of the operation—raising the money—would be done by a director and staff, and this work would be independent of the allocation of money. Probably the director would be chosen by the community board. As a point of information, the

United Way spends about 8% of its income on administration and fund-raising. A Gay United Way would surely have to hire full-time at least the director and a bookkeeper.

At first the planners thought of making GUF be New England-wide, or at least for all of Massachusetts. In the end they decided to cover all the towns and cities in the central, west, south, and north telephone books, plus the city of Lynn: that would be north to North Reading, west to Weston, south to Randolph, and east to Scituate and Winthrop. "It would be a shame to start too big," said Pat Everling, "and fail just because of that."

When will all this begin? "We won't be giving away money tomorrow," cautioned Ian Johnson. "This is a long term thing. We are shooting to start soliciting funds in the spring of 1975—earlier would be Christmas of this year and that's not a good time, and later would be the summer of 1975, and summers are no good either." In addition, it will take a year just to get the fund on its own feet (feet? well . . .). It will need money for an office and probably a director and bookkeeper. The United Black Appeal, in its third year, is still in the process of learning the ropes and has not yet had much money to give away, according to Ms. Rucker.

The next immediate steps are to work

out details of the structure of the organization, to incorporate, to file for federal tax-exempt status (a necessity), and to select the boards.

The people now working on GUF are all white men under thirty. "Oh, those!" But they don't like it that way. "Please," they begged me, "put something in your article that will encourage women, blacks, older people . . . to become part of the planning—we need more perspectives to help serve the whole gay community." (If you are a woman, and/or black, etc., and find yourself covering the next GUF milestone for this paper, I should warn you, from my own experience, that it's because of a conspiracy to ensnare you into the GUF project). Even if you are a w.m.u.t. and you want to help, however, they'll take you too.

The general way has been charted but the path is far from clear. The group has to check into exactly what projects will be fundable under federal tax-exempt laws, how GUF applies for grant money it in turn will give away, where GUF can get seed money to start itself, etc. Those interested in working with GUF should write Gay United Fund, c/o GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108, or come to the next planning meeting (watch the GCN calendar).

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REACTIONS:

marriage?

Dear GCN:

Although your article on *The Advocates* same sex marriage debate was interesting, I did not enjoy it at all. If I want to hear how sick and revolting I am, all that I have to do is open my front door . . . I don't mean to suggest that we be unrealistic, but that article was masochistic. While I feel that it is important to publicize the views of public people who take stands on homosexuality, I cannot see . . . dwelling on the homophobic opinions of a lot of anonymous . . . people . . .

I feel it would have been better to have printed the facts [together with] the positive opinions, thus showing gays that we do have some support, than to have printed the whole piece . . . I hope to see less pessimism, and much more optimism, which we desperately need, when I read GCN in the future.

John Campbell

[Feature Editor replies: From another point of view: reading the sheet of comments when it came to the office, I was struck by the quality of arguments supporting homosexuals, and the speciousness of most of the arguments opposing homosexuality and gay marriage. Most gratifying of all were the numbers of respondents who indicated that the show had stimulated them to *change* their (previously negative) views. e.g. "I vote a resounding YES in favor of permitting homosexuals to marry. Thank you for making me do a little thinking I otherwise would not do and for compelling me to extend myself enough to write" . . . "I tended toward the position of opposing homosexual marriages. However, after watching the pompous, self-righteous, and specious arguments of all the witnesses against gay marriages, I could not help be deeply impressed by the other side. *Their sincerity, maturity, and sobriety made me almost ashamed to be a heterosexual* [my italics]."] The negative arguments were mostly concentrated toward the end of the article, and this, unfortunately, may have left them primary in your mind.]

hotline

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter out of my frustration and continuing loneliness; I've been in Boston for almost eight weeks and have essentially made no progress in meeting other gay brothers . . . Out of the closet and into the what? A vacuum . . . What good are bars if one's too scared to set foot inside? What good are groups if it's too painful and frightening for me to participate? All that happens is you end up, night after night, sleeping alone, living in your fantasies . . . and thinking, God, how will I ever make it with anyone or ever fall in love or ever have support from gay friends . . . though I buy GCN whenever I can, braving that much openness in public, it isn't enough to fulfill my needs . . . because talking to someone . . . means a lot more than words printed in a newspaper.

The point-is: Boston really needs a switchboard/crisis line that people can call. This place can get pretty cold, even in the summer, when there's never anyone to hold your hand . . . when a long day is through.

In struggle,
Name withheld by request

[Thank you for your letter. Many persons have called at GCN in hopes of finding that we ran, or knew of such a phone line. I have just learned that the Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS) is gearing up to staff exactly such a gay hotline in Boston . . . hope it comes in time for you. Take care. Ed.]



1270

Dear GCN,

All I ever hear in Boston is, "You must go to the 1270 [a night spot in Boston]. So I went. Supposedly to dance . . .

The bar packs the crowds so tightly you barely have room to drink . . . [let alone dance]. Come on people, when will the day come when we stop patronizing bars that are only out for our bread? God forbid a fire or someone getting hurt, any person would be trampled to death before one could say "ouch" or "fire." There must be capacity limits in Boston, but what does Bob White's [1270] care? You tell me! . . .

Frank

[Your point about crowding may be a valid one, but it needs a sharper focus, e.g., What are the limits at the bar, and what number of people can be found there on a busy night? You can do this type of research; laws are public, and licenses are posted on the premises which bear a statement of legal capacities. We can all take a share in action. Ed.]

To the Editor,

Not long ago I (a male) called the Cabaret [a popular Boston gay nightspot] and asked if I could wear a dress there. In an angry tone, I was told, "I'm sorry, no drag is allowed here." First of all, I never asked anything about drag, which I believe is when a man impersonates a woman. I merely wanted to wear a loose, comfortable garment (which this society calls a dress), and had no intention of impersonating a woman. I decided never again to go to the Cabaret because it is a place which merely reinforces the programmed mentality of our culture.

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New Massachusetts Rape Laws

by David P. Brill

Among the few significant accomplishments of the 1974 session of the Massachusetts Legislature was the passage of the most comprehensive rape law reform legislation in the country. The legislation was filed by Rep. Jon Rotenberg (D-Brookline), who is now a candidate for the Third Congressional District seat, with the sponsorship of the National Organization for Women.

The first part of Rotenberg's legislation broadens the definition of rape. Previously, it was necessary to prove actual bodily harm in order to obtain a rape conviction. Now, the *threat* of harm is sufficient grounds. Juries have more often than not acquitted a rapist whose victim suffered no visible injury. They assumed that the victim had given some sort of "consent" to the act.

Another aspect of the new law will actually work to the benefit of the entire gay community. This is the inclusion of

"unnatural acts," forcibly accomplished, as a type of rape. In addition, the rape laws were changed to make them applicable to male victims as well, and this too is a definite plus.

The reason this will work to the benefit of the gay community and its legislative efforts is obvious. Previously, if a man was raped in prison, or if a young boy was sexually assaulted, or if the rape involved any oral or anal sex, the offender was charged with "sodomy," "lewd and lascivious acts," or "the crime against nature" . . . the exact same laws which seek to regulate private sexual behavior between *consenting* adults. Now that there is a distinction between the two types of sex acts, the repeal of the other statutes is much more logical and more legally necessary.

One section of the bill that was not enacted would have disallowed the previous sexual life of the victim from being entered as evidence. Rapists' lawyers often attempt to make it look like the woman

was "leading the man on" by bringing in details of the woman's past love life. This often included digging up stories of the woman's past marriages, former roommates, etc. Proponents of this section argued that the rapist's past private life is inadmissible as evidence (true), and that the victim should not be subjected to a different standard.

This argument, however, was disputed by more conservative members of the legislature, led by Senator Francis X. McCann of Cambridge. These people claimed that sometimes women do lead their assailants on, and that innocent persons need some protection from vengeful women who would "cry rape," or threaten to do so, as an act of spite. This section will be re-introduced next year.

Another part of the bill involves the investigation of rapes. Previously, rape cases were investigated in a slipshod manner, usually by unsympathetic police and untrained investigators. All police depart-

ments are now required to maintain rape investigation units. The state will provide much of the funding and training for these units, which will be necessary in all large-city police departments, especially Boston and Cambridge. Smaller cities and towns will be allowed to form a consortium for this purpose. For example, the communities of Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop would probably pool their efforts to have a rape squad in those communities.

The Rotenberg legislation is important because it, once and for all, emphasizes the difference between forcible sexual acts, and consenting sexual acts. Broadening the definition of rape, improving the judicial process for prosecution, and allowing men to claim rape will not only ease the repeal of the "sodomy laws," but will hopefully increase the report of rapes, and the conviction rate for rapists, which is currently a pitifully low 2 per cent.

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Financial Statement

At a recent corporation meeting of HCHS, it was agreed that the year and fiscal report be published in GCN to share with the community at large. Following is the report for the fiscal year 1973, January through December, available for publication in June.

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Income			
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		Service contracts	86.84
		Workmen's compensation	155.00
		Legal forms	45.17
			41,464.82
Other Assets			
Cash on hand	114.59	Outstanding accounts payable	2,144.41
Outstanding Accts. Receivable	3,333.00		43,609.23
Furnishings (on 5th year depletion)	194.10		
	3,641.69		
Cash Disbursements			
Salaries	18,483.00	Other liabilities	
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Gay Clippings - New England

by Allen Young

The Homophile Union of Boston (HUB) has subscribed to a clipping service that watches every newspaper in New England. Every time the words homosexual or lesbian or gay appear, the article is clipped and sent to HUB. Here are some of the things folks have been finding out about us lately in the New England press:

† One major gay story in New England recently was the attempt by legislators in Maine to restrict the university's budget as a protest for official recognition already given to the Wilde-Stein Club, a gay liberation group, and the club's sponsorship of a gay "symposium," originally called a "convention." One of the legislators to speak out in favor of the gay students was Rep. Gerald Talbot (D-Portland), the state's only black legislator. When Rep. Rodney E. Ross, Jr. (R-Bath) criticized the "arrogant demands of minority groups," Rep. Talbot came to his feet angrily:

"I can't believe what was said here today. The basic thing we are fighting here is the rights of people. If we let this thing [the budget cut] happen now, they can do it to any one of us whether we be black, whether we be women, whether we be French or whether we be Catholic."

I found Talbot's remarks especially important given that *white* liberal columnists Nicholas Von Hoffman and Mike Royko have recently gone out of their way to attack the gay liberation movement by insisting that gay civil rights bear no relation to black civil rights.

Letters to the editor were frequently published in the Maine press, many of them hostile to the gay group in the name of Jesus Christ. A significant number of letters took a civil libertarian or live-and-let-live approach, as did many editorials. An editorial writer for the Lewiston Journal challenged the "Christians" on their own terms:

"When church leaders start urging followers to protest a meeting such as the ... gay liberation group wants, they might bear in mind the adjuration about 'let him who be without sin cast the first stone.' As a matter of reason, who is to say activities involving consenting adults of the same sex is a sin? Certainly the foregoing is no worse than heterosexual promiscuity and nowhere near as wrong as adulterous relationships."

† Meanwhile, in neighboring New Hampshire, some people were still fuming over the existence of the Gay Students Organization there. A letter-writer to the Manchester Union-Leader, Mrs. R. B. Tilton of Laconia, wondered whether "open acceptance of such gay group meetings ... will induce more depravity," and she added, "My virile husband could barely refrain from 'vomiting' at the thought."

The Union-Leader published a front-page photograph of a recent gay dance at the University of New Hampshire at Durham, showing two young men dancing together, and this was their caption:

"Note: We consider this both a disgusting and unpleasant picture but we also believe it is our duty to inform our New Hampshire readers of what is taking place at our state university. This photo shows the general scene at UNH Friday night as the Homosexual Gay Students Organization hosted a 'dance' in the Memorial Union Building. More than 200 persons attended as males danced with males, females with females, all to the tune of a lesbian band."

Another New Hampshire letter-writer thought it was outrageous that the town of Durham hosted the gay dance but voted

against having the proposed Aristotle Onassis oil refinery there. Wrote Mrs. Nellie W. Galloway, "It is a sad and sick state when immorality can take precedence over the industrial growth of our state."

† Feature stories friendly to homosexuals appeared in a number of newspapers, some predictable (such as Boston's two "alternative" weeklies, the Real Paper and the Phoenix), and some you wouldn't expect. We have a friend, I suspect, at the Seekonk (Mass.) Sentinel, a weekly with a circulation of 2,000. The Seekonk paper published a favorable article about gay students at the nearby University of Rhode Island, a long review of Lesbian/Women and other gay books, enlightened interviews with a psychologist and a minister and other pro-gay articles.

One interesting article in the Real Paper was an account of a reporter's experience making a made-up "confession" of a variety of sins in confessionals in several Boston Catholic churches. According to the reporter, the homosexual element in his list of sins (including pot and pre-marital heterosexuality with masochistic overtones) was the one the priests most often chose to focus on.

† And then there were some interesting tid-bits. The Boston Globe published a Chicago Daily News feature item by Pat-

† And a little bit of good news from Maine amid the ravings of Bible-thumping legislators and preachers. Alma R. Arnold just opened the Lib Museum at 574 Congress St., Portland, where a library and bookstore will include lesbian literature, according to a report in the Portland Express. The Lib Museum will feature women's crafts on display and for sale.

+ The Bennington (Vt.) Banner published a cartoon by Ben Wicks. It shows a mother interrupting a phone call and speaking to her husband in a nearby easy chair: "It's our son, dear. He must be happy, he's joined a gay movement."

† We've all seen Ann Landers' column dealing with the issue of homosexuality from time to time, mostly unsatisfactorily. As a response to Ann Landers' up-tight attitude toward sex in general, the Boston Globe runs its own column, "Ask Beth / Sense About Sex." On the question of homosexuality, however, Beth Winship, wife of Globe city editor Tom Winship, is no better than Ann Landers. She published a letter, signed "Terrified," from a 14-year-old boy who said he didn't go out with girls but got aroused when listening to his male friends brag about their heterosexual exploits and he wondered, "Should I talk to the people in the Gay Liberation group?" In response, Beth told him that



Cartoon by Mike Rubinstein

ricia Moore on women's skin magazines, with this curious paragraph:

"The magazines don't want to attract a heavy homosexual readership and both Viva and Playgirl said surveys show that more than 90% of their readers are women. One way to avoid the homosexual market is layouts of nude couples—what Jackie Lewis, public relations director of Viva, called 'love sets'."

The Associated Press Boston Bureau reported a speech by a Salt Lake City gerontologist, Dr. Victor Kassel, before New England hospital administrators. Dr. Kassel, whose practice deals with the medical, psychiatric and social problems of the aging, said that "nursing home attendants should take a more tolerant attitude toward sex among the elderly, including homosexuality and sex between unmarried persons by mutual consent," the AP reported. It was a nice moment of enlightenment, and it appeared in dozens of newspapers.

† Perhaps the most widely published story making reference to homosexuals during the period covered was the Defense Department decision to discontinue using number codes on discharge papers. The old policy was a very serious problem for persons discharged because of homosexuality.

"at 14, you haven't got your adult male personality together yet," and she concluded, "Avoid the Gay Liberationists because, while they are very supportive to anyone who is committed to homosexuality, they present a one-sided model to those who are not. You want heterosexual role models at this age. Soon you are going to get up the courage to ask a girl out. I'm confident this will put your fears to rest."

On what grounds, I wondered, does Beth feel this confidence? I wish I had a dollar for every moment of fear or isolation I experienced from age 14 to 24! It also struck me that any Boston gay liberationists this boy was likely to find were likely to be *much less* "one-sided" than Beth Winship or other proponents of exclusive heterosexuality.

† The Portland Press-Herald devoted a full-length feature article to a successful new drag show at the Hotel Hibou. "When Bart Camara was a youngster, he liked to dress up in his mother's clothes in the secrecy of his bathroom," went the lead sentence. "Now he does it before an audience—a fantasy come true"—and he loves every minute of it." The restaurant manager, pleased at the big audiences the show has been pulling in, told the Press-Herald

that "whether you're gay or straight doesn't matter if your show is honest and polished. Folks will accept it. Everything is so depressing today. All we have to laugh about is Nixon, and he isn't very funny. Instead of worrying about Nixon, people here can laugh at the show. It's beautiful to have people laugh."

On reading this, I couldn't help but wonder what connection, if any, the audiences in the Hibou made between the drag show and the controversy at the University of Maine. And I couldn't help but think of the scenes in the movie "Cabaret," and the strange juxtaposition of drag show entertainment as a relief from evil politicians.

† One of the brightest moments in going through these clippings was to find a long article in the Brockton (Mass.) Enterprise (54,587 circulation) about a panel discussion on homosexuality at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. This is the same newspaper that only a few months ago callously published the names and addresses of several persons arrested in a cruising spot at a rest area along a nearby superhighway. Even though it knew it was ruining the lives of these people, the Enterprise insisted they were acting under legitimate ground rules about what is news. The article on the panel discussion was sympathetic and fair-minded, and included many quotations from the three speakers, who were Sheri Barden, president of Boston Daughters of Bilitis, John Lawrence, of the radio program "Gayway," and Fr. Paul Shanley, the Roman Catholic priest who works in the gay community of Boston. The lower lounge at Massasoit was packed for the event, and Dean of Faculty William Edy was quoted in the article as saying, "It is one of the best turnouts we've seen here—I am pleased."

The item in the Enterprise brought home to me a crucial conclusion I'd already reached half-way through this pile of clippings:

The straight press is less prone to silence on the subject of homosexuality than in the past. But there are no openly gay reporters to write about homophobia and the problems and joys of the gay community. When something "good" appears in the press, it is almost certainly the results of the active efforts of the gay liberation movement—our organizing, our public speaking, our demonstrating, our spokesmen and spokeswomen talking to reporters and giving our point of view. Given the depth of news and analysis that appears in the gay press, it is obvious to me that we desperately need our own press, as we need to continue our efforts to make the straight press more aware of our reality, and to pressure the straight press to include up-front gay journalists on their staffs.



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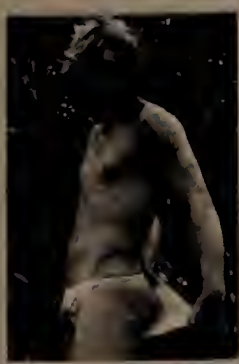
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by Thomas Mayer

It appears that the Corll-Henley case in Houston, Texas, has come to a sad close, with Wayne Henley given six sentences of 99 years each. The case obviously presents the gay community with the sobering truism, not yet absorbed by many, that neither the gay nor straight communities has a monopoly on violence and/or murder. One need only look at the cases where gays are murdered, along with the recent assaults on the Fenway, the Block, and the Esplanade to flesh out the entire picture. It is just as important, however, not to forget the "other side" of gay violence which is inflicted upon gay victims, as in the Houston case.

But the Houston case also reveals the continuing distortion of gay life by the straight media. Repeatedly, the media referred to the "homosexual sex, sadism, and murder ring" in connection with the Houston case. To begin with, the designation of "homosexual" is unnecessary even for descriptive purposes: torture, murder, and nonconsensual sexual acts committed by a male tormenter upon his male victim all speak for itself. Secondly, when's the last time anyone ever heard of a "heterosexual" murderer? When a man shoots his wife and children and then himself, all of that speaks for itself, and there is no use in asking, *post mortem*, about his sexual preferences, gay or straight.

The straight media persists in the notion that gay sexual preferences necessarily predispose someone to murder, while straights and their murderers supposedly never have anything to do with *heterosexual* sexual tensions. Sexual preferences and tensions may well have a connection in any murder, but this, of course, is not necessarily so.

The straight media even hedges on its own numerical-statistical obsessions with

which it proclaims the biggest, the greatest, the most, etc. The Houston case was usually referred to as the "largest mass murder in American history"—which is ridiculous considering all of the domestic massacres and foreign battles in American history. But even when one separates the public murderers, such as soldiers and Presidents, from the private murderers, the Houston case pales before a case in

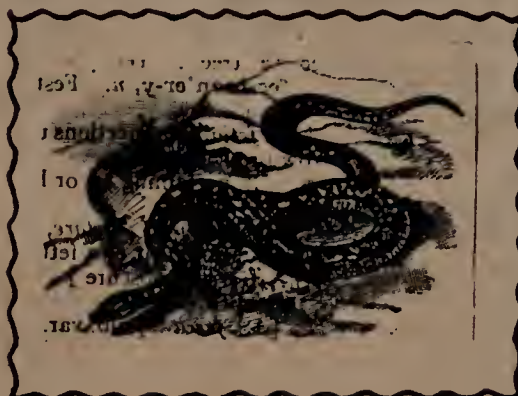


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Chicago in the 1890s in which a man murdered about 150 women in his bogus "hotel for women." Last summer, when I pointed out this latter case to the Pittsburgh office of United Press International, I referred to no less a source than *The*

Guinness Book of World Records. UPI listened very understandingly, but the overall effect of my report was merely to revise references to the Houston case to "the largest mass murder in *modern* American history." Since when are the 1890s ancient? Only *Newsweek* bothered to sniff condescendingly, in a pathetic little footnote, that "for the statistically minded," the Houston case was really not the largest mass murder in American history. In the age of atomic holocausts and mass-murder bombings, the straight media has a lot of crust, not to mention hypocrisy, in pushing off the role of the dry, detached, bookwormy statistical mind onto someone else. Even *The Guinness Book of World Records* in its new 1974 edition now hedges the Chicago "hotel for women" murders by stating that "between 27 and 150" young women were murdered, and goes on to mention the Houston case in a single offhand sentence which begins, "A homosexual adult allegedly murdered 27 boys . . ."

After all is said and done, this sort of comparative and statistical rebuttal should be completely unnecessary, irrelevant, and trivial. Unfortunately, the very nature and actions of the straight media forces us to continue to challenge the media distortions of gay life at every turn. Whether this distortion is intentional or unintentional is irrelevant: it occurs nonetheless. One need only look at the July 17 juxtaposition of Henley's sentencing in Houston and the defeat of gay rights in Worcester to see why we must continue to fight media distortion.



The following is a list of past Forum topics. We'd like your opinions and suggestions. Please fill in lines below, clip on dotted line and staple to a postcard addressed to: Features Editor, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Religion and Its Taboos

by John Mitzel

BOOK REVIEW

Religious Roots of the Taboo on Homosexuality: A Materialist View, by John Lauritsen. Come! Unity Press, 75c. 28 pp.

If you're among the many gay liberationists who feel that the Christian religions (and their Hebraic heritage) have a lot to do with the current state of hysterical homophobia in our culture, then you'll welcome John Lauritsen's new pamphlet: "Religious Roots of the Taboo on Homosexuality."

As Lauritsen rigorously details in this short work, all the current legal statutes and cultural prejudices have direct links to policies deliberately put into effect by Jews and Christians over 2000 years ago to attempt to abolish all manifestations of homosexual behavior. This persistent attempt to continuously eliminate homosexuality and "homosexuals" is perhaps the most peculiar of Judeo-Christianity's many peculiar characteristics.

Taboos against homosexuality developed among ancient Hebrews sometime after their Babylonian captivity. At this time, they altered their religion to drastically separate themselves from their neighbors. "The keynote of Hebrew sexual morality was Prudishness," as Lauritsen writes. "Anxiety on this score became an obsession of pathological degree."

Christianity, despite its antipathy for Jews from the beginning, expropriated the Hebraic sexual code almost to the letter, and its primary bugaboo was homosexuality. Lauritsen traces the quick development of Christian contempt for homosexuality from mere theological proscription to legal and civil prohibitions. In 342 A.D.

the Roman Emperor Constantius decreed death as the penalty for sodomy. In 395 A.D. the Emperor Theodosius required all subjects of the empire to become Christians and adhere to that religion's sexual code. Hence, homosexuality at this point became not only sinful, but treasonous. The progress of Christianity's parasitical takeover of the Roman Empire made a mockery of the rather impressive body of developed Roman Law up until that time. In 538 Justinian decreed that homosexuality caused earthquakes.

From there on, of course, we have heresy-hunting, burnings, mass murder, all committed by The Christian Church. All homosexuality, real or suspected, became linked in popular legend and in common law with witchcraft, perversity, and treason. Such a notion lingers on today as Christianity's most prominent legacy. As Lauritsen notes, a revealing similarity between modern dictatorships and Christianity is that fascist, authoritarian, and Communist tyrannies universally adopt Christianity's sexual code, and automatically link homosexuality with anti-state activities. The Christian legacy is so strong and enduring in its hateful oppression that, as Lauritsen notes, attempts to liberalize Israel's tough anti-homosexual statutes have failed again and again, most recently in 1971. And as we observed in the past few weeks in New York City, the situation is not that much better in "Liberal, Enlightened" America.

I think it's only by continued personal and social struggle that we'll be able to reach Lauritsen's conclusion "that the taboo against homosexuality is a transitory historical phenomenon, rooted in super-




stition from the past, and perpetuated by obsolete relationships, primarily political and economic, in present society."

Superstition has proved to be a durable feature of human society, and religion, particularly Christianity, has been its most active proponent. Any struggle against homophobia and sexual oppression must, ipso facto, be a struggle against Religions and their agents.

On the back cover, John Lauritsen quotes C.E.M. Joad, who addressed the 1929 Congress of the World League for Sexual Reform meeting in London: "Religion is a spiritual drug for the spiritually diseased. Healthy people do not need it." I'll drink to that.

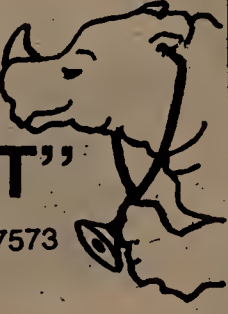
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Assume case load of 12 clients seen on an individual basis & be responsible for organizing & running an ongoing group. Supervise the case loads of 6 counselors. Minimum of 5 years exper. in counseling essential; demonstrate supervisory ability necessary. This is a responsible position requiring an appropriate level of educ. and exper. Salary, \$10,000 per year. Send resume to: Coordinating Committee, Provincetown Drop-In Center, 6 Gosnold St., Provincetown, Mass. 02657. Applications due by Aug. 13. The P'town Drop-In Center is a private, non-profit corp. We are a licensed drug treatment facility & provide out-patient counseling, crisis intervention, legal aid & medical services for residents & visitors to the lower Cape.

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Owner of a small professional business in downtown Boston is looking for right M to train. If you are white, bi or GWM masc hung btwn 25-40 with clerical bkgrd please reply in writing to GCN Box 172. Gd stg sal.

GCN desperately needs someone with car to do some distribution Tues. afternoon or evening. Commission. Help your community. Call GCN, 426-4469. Leave note for Marion.

"Closet Space" needs a few good women & men to work on the world's only "Gay Magazine on Radio." News, interviews, research, plays, performers—all are open areas for people to put their energies on the air, behind the scenes, or engineering—come join us! Call Gay Media Action or write to Closet Space, WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Camb. 02139 or write GCN Box 5000.

GCN needs folders every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00. It's fun. Come help!!

EVERYBODY'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY (the HCHS Bookstore) needs women staff members. If interested, please call Judi at (617) 628-3870. We can talk about it. Sorry, no pay.

TYPIST, M/F, must be EXTRAORDINARILY ACCURATE. About 5 weeks work typing manuscript, somewhat technical, on my IBM Selectric. Don't apply, please, if you can't spell or follow copy. State salary/hour and details with phone. GCN Box 177.

FUNDRAISING
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organizations

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH meets for worship every Sunday at 6:45 p.m., 131 Cambridge St., Boston (Old West Church). Fellowship hour 8:15 p.m. Rev. Lawrence Bernier and Rev. Nancy Wilson, pastors. All persons are welcome. Telephone 523-7664.

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WRITE TO A PRISONER:
I'd like an opportunity to communicate with other people. I am a black male into sports. Terry Jones, 13-1106, 034341, Box 747, Starke, Fla.

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personals

Holders of GCN Box Number 138 — please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope or your mail will be fed to our new Tree, Shri Palmananda.

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Persons interested in concrete activities for promoting a feminist and socialist consciousness in the gay movement are asked to call Ed Tynan (723-5779) or write c/o GCN.

GCN GROUP CRUISE
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DALE THOMPSON,
Why hasn't Lorrie received her prizes yet from the Gay Pride Week movie drawing?

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The HCHS bookstore (Everybody's Autobiography) has a growing selection of good gay books. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 6-9 p.m., 419 Boylston St., 4th floor; ring night bell 4 times.

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Gays Bis Undecided or Straights seeking gay alliance or mates, for fun and pleasure call 203-889-7530 after 6 p.m. Come out of the closet liberate yourself enjoy and live your life according to your desires and belief.

LARRY,
Hope you feel better.
Love, Dan and Bob

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Everything you pour down the drain goes back into our water system. The city then has to pour more chemicals in to make it drinkable. The result: Blechh!! Try using biodegradable detergents. Use less of any chemicals you must use.

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DARE TO BE YOURSELF!!

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So many try to say Not Now,
So many have forgotten how
To say I Am, and would be
Lost, if they could, in history.

No wonder then so many died of grief.
So many are so lonely as they die;
No one has yet believed or liked a lie...
W. H. Auden

CONCORD, N.H. AREA
GWM, gd lkg, 140 lbs, 5'11" 24 yrs. masc lkg, honest, sincere seeks same. ?-35 inter music, art, books. Send letter, phone & photo. No fems. GCN Box 168.

GF 20 new to Worc area anxious to get away from ports o' call would like to meet other GFs. Like woodsy outward bound flannel shirt women. GCN Box 162.

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DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE YOU!!

EASTERN CT. - WORCESTER AREA
GWM 28 5'7" 130 lbs gd bod & lks. Seek to meet GWM 25-35 for friendship & gd fun. Into film, music, country life & all Boston offers. Send desc phone & photo if possible. Box 49, Putnam, Conn. 06246. Let's give it a try!

GM, 32, BLACK, SKS WM, 21-35: Intr. in masc col. type who also dislikes bars. Must respect Blk Pride-People; be prof or stu. intr. in art/music. Phone helps. Box 448, Boston 02215.

"We must love each other or die"
W. H. Auden



New to Marshfield. Where does one meet other gays: bars or beaches, for friendship? GCN Box 169.

"It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly American criminal class except Congress."
—Mark Twain

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2 yng, hunky, horny, exp GWMs, 1 act, 1 pass., seek others into grp sex. We guarantee satisfaction. Let us make you a Weeeo! GCN Box 166.

YOUNG GWM
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WANT A FRIEND? NOT A LOVER?
Are you good looking, but shy? 18-30? Don't like cruising? I'm WM, 32, 6'2", 170 lbs, well end., and I'd like to meet you. If you just want to talk that's OK. If you want more, that's OK too. Chris Alan, Box 250, Roxbury Crossing Station, Boston, Mass. 02120.

ATTENTION PUPPY
Dear Puppy, happy six months & hope we have many more months & years together. Love, Your Snake.

TWO GOOD LOOKING GUYS
with nice bodys, 25 and 27, are looking fo meet other gay or bi guys in the same good condition 18 to 30 butch guys turn us on. Try us now! GCN Box 179.

Guy w/ denim short, straw hat, beard Meeting Hse. Fri. Aug 2, 6 p.m. I had jeans, moustache, grey-red polo shirt, N.Y. Review. Why so shy? Tom 731-6344.

BOSTON FRIENDS
We love and miss you. Barbara and Bim.

ZAP AFTER DARK
An ad hoc committee to zap "After Dark" on Aug. 21, is forming. Call 227-5667. They have consistently refused ads with the word "gay" in them.

ANYONE WITH MONEY: An important contribution can be made to the mental health of this society by purchasing a large selection of gay books and donating them to your nearest public library.

DISCREET GAY GUY
would like to meet other GWMs any age for a get together. Like guys who have mustaches. Am in 40s look younger. Drop me a line and enclose tel. no., and best time to call. Let's get together soon. GCN Box 178.

ATTN CRAFTSWOMEN!
We'll sell your crafts for you on a consignment basis at our soon to be store. If interested, send name, address, desc, prices, etc. to GCN Box 175.

YOUNG BI W FEMALE WANTED
BWF marr. new to being bi seeks BWF 15-20 to teach me. Am passive but looking forward to first bisexual or 3some exp. No butch. Photo if poss. GCN Box 174.

NEW ENGLAND - NEW YORK
Gay male, academic, 29, with varied intellectual interests and the spirit for fun, travel, seeks to meet sincere gays who want to share interests and themselves. GCN Box 173.

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resorts

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Ride needed to Wisconsin around August 16th. Will share driving & expenses. Call Bernie at 783-1627.

RIDES
Wanted-Weekend rides to any New England recreation area or Coney Island. One or two day round trips preferred. Will pay all expenses of gas, etc. Call only after 8:30 p.m.-662-7828.

RIDE NEEDED TO MICHIGAN
(Pref. Jackson or East Lansing) any time after Sept. 11. Will split driver's expenses. I can't drive, though. Ed, 782-1097.

roommates

Two female roommates wanted to share 3 bedrm apt in Kenmore Sq. near BU, MBTA, 1270 and Cabaret. Call Jane, evenings, 267-8373.

3 GF & 1 F child nd roommates Aug. 15+on. Rent \$63 month. Quiet st. in Allston nr trans. Backyard & own rm. Co-op living, lg. house. Call 783-9415.

F (adult) share 2 fl. S. End twnhse w/ 2 supportive, but independent lesb./feminists. V. lg. 3 BR w/ DR, LR, study, ww, dw/disp, v. safe st. \$150 + elect. linmed. or 9/1. Call 266-7679.

Gay law student arriving in Boston Sept. 1st seeks apartment (efficiency or 1 bedroom) or will share apartment or house. Can spend \$120-\$180/mo. It should be clean, neat, quiet, and in Back Bay area. You may call me collect (814) 724-2450 after 11 pm or write GCN Box 164.

MATURE GAY WOMAN ROOMMATE WANTED. Looking for mature independent woman to share 2-bedrm modern apt upper Marlboro St. Quiet atmosphere-many unique features. A beautiful place to live. If interested, Ms. Sig-erist 267-6410 x 263 wkdays.

Rooms for gay males. Responsible people please. \$15 a week with full apartment privileges. Ashmont area, 10 min. walk to MBTA. Reply to GCN Box 163.

WTD: F RMMT. FOR DORCH. APT. 3 F (1 gay) sk resp F rmmt. Own rm. \$38/mo+U. Veg garden, safe area, MBTA Redline. No drugs; no more pets. Call eves 825-9476, Xenia or Barbara.

GWM 25 cleancut! lookng 4 similar GWM 17-25 4 roommate-no sex-luxury 2 bedroom 2 bath \$50 week, hi rise near Pru. Pref student, no drugs, grass ok! R.C.J., P.O. 151, Astor 02123.

services

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Use our facilities (IBM Composer) to produce your booklet or publication. Good rates. (We are GCN's typesetter.) Write: GCN Box 69.

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Before you buy a new one see if it can be fixed! Most minor electric appliances and some major. Low costs. All you do is drop it off and pick it up. If interested call 242-1965 eves and ask for Larry.

Hi: My name is Dina Geld. I'm on Closet Space WCAS Sun. 10:30 a.m. If you have any problems relating to your love relationships, gay or bisexual, please write to me. I'm a social worker and want to help since being gay involves needing a special ear. Write to Dina Geld, c/o Closet Space, WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139.

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wanted

COLLEGE SUPPLEMENT upcoming. Articles and suggestions needed immediately. Contact Nancy Burnett at GCN. Write 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108 or call 426-4469.

GCN desperately needs a long work table with smooth surface for layout of the paper. Please help.

Tennis partner wanted at least several mornings a week, about 7:30 a.m., average ability. Cambridge area. See Laura McMurry or write GCN Box 077 NOW!

WANTED

More black and third world people to help with GCN. We need your articles, energies, and opinions. Help us serve the whole gay community.

LET'S LISTEN TO YOU!
"Closet Space" offers 5 minutes of air time for anyone to comment on gay life and liberation. Only restrictions are FCC. Send your commentary c/o "We Dare You," Closet Space, WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Camb. 02159. Recording sessions to be arranged.

ELIZABETH STONE HOUSE
is in desperate need of decent furniture and any household items now! We are a new women's ther. community (self help). Our number is 522-3417.

GCN needs 2 desks; donated, if possible. Call 426-4469.

Need sleeping bag(s). The kind that zip together. Call (617) 227-5667.

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15 thurs

The first formative rap for starting a Gay Union of Pioneer Valley (Western Massachusetts-Amherst) will take place tonight at 7 pm at the Amherst Resource Center, 2nd floor, Jones Library. All welcome.



17 sat

MCC Dinner-Theater starts at 7:30 pm tonight. Virginia ham, garden salad, and all the fixin's will be served . . . Sound films will be Laurel and Hardy in *Men O'War* and *Brats*, and Charles Chaplin in *The Fireman* and *The Floorwalker*. Takes place at MCC Fellowship Hall, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston . . . Tix are \$4 per person, and may be obtained at Old West, or by calling 523-7664.

20 tues

MCC/Boston will sponsor another discussion for those concerned with alcoholism tonight from 7 to 8:30 pm at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. The film *Chalk Talk*, a witty informational lecture on alcohol by the Rev. Joseph Martin, will be shown. This film is by acclamation the best educational tool available on the subject. Attendance is free. For more info, call MCC at 523-7664.

21 wed

Providence, R.I., premiere of "A Very Natural Thing" at the Elmwood Theatre. The first 500 seats have been donated for the benefit of MCC/Providence by Esquire Theatres and the New Line Cinema.

22 thurs

A series of film benefits for various gay organizations will begin tonight and continue every Thursday night for six weeks. At 8:30 pm, CSMH, fare includes horror flicks, old movies, cartoons and other goodies. Donation: whatever you can afford.

23 fri

The Cambridge Women's Center will hold an all women's dance tonight in celebration of Women's Rights Day. The dance will be held at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston, and will start at 9 p.m. Featured will be the all women's band, Lillith. A \$2 donation will be asked at the door, proceeds going to support the Women's Center and the Meetinghouse.



25 sun

Plaingay Picnic. Meet at 20 Bishop St., Jamaica Plain, at 12 noon. We will leave together for picnic site. Bring food and drink to share. Further info: call 524-6417.



4 wed

Plaingay meeting, 8:00. Call 524-6417 for more info.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, by midnight on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

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WEDNESDAYS

12 noon-8 pm-Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide
7:00 pm-Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine.
7-10 pm-MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St. Providence
7:30 pm-DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00-Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415
8:00 pm-Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

10:00 am-Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
8:00 pm-DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323

8:00 pm-Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
9:00 pm-Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
12M-3 am-MCC Providence Coffee House
Evenings-Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm-Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096
7:00 pm-Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union
8:30 pm-B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm-Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
1:00-3:00 pm-Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St. Rm. 31, Worcester
2:00 pm-Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509

1 am-5 am-MCC Providence Coffee House
3:00 pm-Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM

SUNDAYS

10:30 am-Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
1:00 pm-DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge
2-4 pm-Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 861-5495
4:00 pm-MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)
5:30 pm-Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6:30 pm-MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston
7:00 pm-MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3773
7:30 pm-MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.
8:00 pm-Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31

12M-3 am-MCC Providence Coffee House
MONDAYS
7:00-10:00 pm-Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
7-10 pm-MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
8:00 pm-Daughters Of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323

TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm-Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
7:00 pm-Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
7:30 pm-DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
7:30 pm-Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)
7:30 pm-MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.

QUICK GAY GUIDE

(Please submit additions and changes to "QGG Editor")

BOSTON AREA

(area code 617)

Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181
Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
Boston College Homophile Union 734-7223
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group) 265-6409
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450
Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592
Dignity/Boston
c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts,
Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
Fag Rag 536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516
Gay Academic Union
c/o DOB, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Media Action 868-5729
Gay Nurses Alliance 232-6323
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x3236
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.) 738-0486

Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 266-1111
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Center) 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League 494-8227
Project Place 267-9150
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764
Unitarian Gay Caucus 282-4977

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 617)

Homophile Union of Montachusett
P.O. Box F5, Leominster
MCC Study Group of Worcester
P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center,
N. Dartmouth 02747
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828
Worcester Gay Union 752-8330

Worcester Gay Youth, Box 273,
Rutland, Mass. 01543
WESTERN MASS. (AC 413)
Amherst Gay Hotline
(men & women) 545-0154

Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA 91.9 FM) 253-5171
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
UMass Student Homophile League 545-0154
Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Women of Providence 861-5495 & 942-2094
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
MCC Providence & Coffee House 831-3773
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

VERMONT (area code 802)

Gay In Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496
Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield 05667
Vermont Gay Women 425-2782
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520
Gay Alliance, c/o UConn Women's Center 486-4738
Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford 568-2656
MCC Hartford 522-5575
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575

Women's Liberation Center
Hartford 523-8949
NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)
Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization,
c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137,
Northwood 03261
Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Church
P.O. Box 1046, Bangor 04401
Brunswick Gay Women's Group,
136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011
Gay Liberation Front, c/o General Delivery, Calais 04619
Gay Rights Organization, (GRO),
P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04114
Gay Support and Action,
183 Main St., Bangor 04401
Hancock County Gays,
P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
Maine Gay Task Force,
Box 4542, Portland 04114
Lambda, 30 Cumberland St.,
Brunswick 04011, c/o Fortuna & Leo
Lewiston Gays, c/o D. Courteau,
76 Nichols St., Lewiston 04240
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union,
Colby College, Waterville 04901
Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union,
University of Maine, Orono 04473
Women's Newsletter, Bath 443-5855
Maine Gay Indians, c/o Deanna Francis
Passamaquoddy Library Pleasant Point, 04667